

Black Bear Management Plan Summary

- Population Goal
 - Maintain healthy bear population in existing occupied habitat; expand distribution while considering human safety, economic concerns, and other wildlife species.
- Population Objective
 - Maintain current bear populations with reasonable proportion of older age animals and breeding females, balancing population numbers with other wildlife species through 2010
- Performance Targets
 - < 40% females in harvest
 - Average age of harvested bears >5 years
 - Adult Survival > 0.78
 - Emphasize non-lethal methods to reduce conflicts when feasible, to allow higher bear densities

Bear Proclamation and Rule Summary of Changes

- It is recommended that spring harvest seasons be extended by 1 week on chronic depredation units again in 2009.
 - Recommended on the same 5 units as in 2008
 - Objective is to shift bear mortality from depredation to sport harvest
- It is recommended that all units be open to summer dog training. In 2008 the LaSal unit was not open for the summer dog training season because Utah State University was conducting bear research on the Unit. The research is now completed so DWR is recommending that all units be open. Opening the LaSal unit should reduce the pressure on the San Juan Unit and mitigate some of the disturbance issues that were reported during the 2008 summer season on the San Juan unit.
- Effort to focus harvest into chronic conflict areas using volunteer houndsmen is not recommended for 2009 season
 - This was a major logistic effort in 2008 and only resulted in 2 bears harvested

Summary of 2008 Harvest and Other Mortality Relative to Performance Targets

	2008	2007	5 Year Average	Mgmt. Criteria
Harvest	126	127	105	----
% Success	40	48	41	----
Age	5.9	5.7	6.3	5.0
% Females	31	28	27	< 40%
Adult Surv	0.81	0.80	0.83	0.78
Other Mortality	27	78	49	----
Total Mortality	153	205	154	----

2009 Permit Recommendations by Region

Region	08 Spring	09 Spring	08 Fall	09 Fall	08 Total	09 Total	% Change
Southern	27	28	25	26	52	54	+3.8
Southeastern	79	90	39	35	118	125	+5.9
Northeastern	52	59	24	25	76	84	+10.5
Central	26	26	12	12	38	38	0.0
Northern	8	8	7	7	15	15	0.0
Statewide	192	211	107	105	299*	316*	+5.7